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PATENT
Docket No. GC527C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
D. A. Estell et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1644
Serial No.: 09/677,822)	Examiner: Saunders, D.
Filed: October 2, 2000)	
For: Proteins Producing an Altered)	
Immunogenic Response and)	
Methods of Making and)	
Using the Same)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims, which begins on page 2, while the Remarks begin on page 5, and the Conclusion is at page 7. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).